

## **Über Region Fest**

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The fifth Über Region Fest (ÜRF) took place at Trissl Sports Cars on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> this year. Unfortunately, the weather played a major role in this year's event with a forecast of 100% rain. While it did deter some from attending, HOD was well represented with 21 Porsches and 30 members.

On Friday evening there was a welcome reception at the Marriott Hotel in Florence with wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres served on the terrace. It was a relaxing evening meeting old friends and making new ones. Thomas Trissl was there to greet and thank everyone for attending.

Bright and early Saturday morning, Ann and I headed for Trissl to set up the HOD Welcome Booth for the event. It was a dry, pleasant morning while everything was being staged for the event. It was not so dry back towards Huntsville, as heavy rains were encountered by our members who were caravanning to Florence. Despite heavy rain, the group pushed on and arrived around 10 AM to find dry weather greeting them.

After registering and staging the Porsches for the Peoples' Choice Car Show, members settled in to viewing the other Porsches on display, checking out the vendors, and socializing. At noon, the show officially started with the car show, autocrossing, race simulator, the Trissl Porsche Collection, Porsche GT Experience, food, and music. Porsche of Huntsville had a display with folks from the dealership to answer questions and show the cars. Also having a booth and display was member Martin Folgmann of Martin's Classic Cars.

The activities were briefly disrupted by a rain event that lasted about 45 minutes around 1:30 PM. After it stopped, people began popping out from where they sought shelter and everything continued from where it left off.

With voting completed for the Peoples' Choice around 3 PM, the votes were tallied and the winners were announced around 4 PM. HOD was well represented among those taking home trophies as class winners. In all, five members won six trophies. Lionel Leathers won class as well as Best of Show. The other class winners were Jim Farrell, Regan Carlile, Paul Webb, and myself.

Congratulations to the trophy winners and thanks to all who were not deterred by the forecast. ÜRF is a very unique event in our region and we look forward to HOD involvement in 2021 when the sixth Über Region Fest will occur. Plan on attending. You won't regret it.